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SUBJECT: PAKISTANI DELEGATION TO WCIWY

1. MFA HAS INFORMED US OF A CHANGE IN THE GOP'S DELEGATION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR IN MEXICO CITY. MISS FAZILA ALIANI, A RELATIVE OF THE CHIEF MINISTER OF BALUCHISTAN, JAM MIR QADIR, WILL REPLACE DR. FERROZA AHMED. MISS ALIANI, BOR IN 1945, HOLDS A SEAT RESERVED FOR WOMEN IN THE BALUCHISTAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE ELECTED TO OFFICE AS A MEMBER OF THE NOW BANNED NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP), SHE HAS MAINTAINED GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE RULING PEOPLE'S PARTY AND HAS TRIED TO AFFECT A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE BHUTTO GOVERNMENT AND THE INCARCERATED BALUCHISTAN NAP LEADERS. MISS ALIANI, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF MRS. BHUTTO, HAS EARLIER BEEN INCLUDED ON TWO GOP DELEGATIONS: TO ACCOMPANY THE PM TO THE US IN 1973 (SHE WAS LATER DROPPED) AND TO CHINA LAST YEAR. SHE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY CONSULATE KARACHI OFFICIALS AS BRIGHT, SOMEWHAT NAIVE, WELL-CONNECTED,

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ARTICULATE AND AS PERHAPS THE ONLY UNVEILED BALUCH WOMAN.

SHE EXPECTS TO SPEND ABOUT ONE DAY IN NEW YORK (JUNE 17)
ENROUTE TO MEXICO CITY.

2. FYI, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL DELEGATES, THREE
FEMALE PAKISTANI JOURNALISTS EXPECT TO TRANSIT THE USA
ENROUTE TO AND FROM WOMEN'S YEAR MEETINGS IN MEXICO
THIS MONTH. THE THREE ARE: MISS SAMINA QURESHI; A
NEWS PRODUCER WITH PAK TV WHO WILL COVER THE CONFERENCE
FOR HER NETWORK; MIRIAM HABIB, WOMEN'S EDITOR OF THE
LAHORE PAKISTAN TIMES, AND MISS SHAHWAR JUNAID, A WRITER
FOR THE RAWALPINDI PAK TIMES AND DAUGHTER OF ONE OF ITS
EDITORS. MISS JUNAID'S TRIP IS SUPPORTED BY A GRANT
FROM THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
SCIENCE. WE UNDERSTAND MIRIAM HABIB HAS A UN FELLOWSHIP
AWARD. USIS WILL PROBABLY BE REQUESTING SOME FACILITATIVE
SERVICES FOR HABIB AND JUNAID AND POSSIBLY MORE EXTENSIVE
SUPPORT.
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